

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II

NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible public health nursing work assessing and providing for individual health needs, and promoting community-wide health care.

Work involves assessing the client's physical and psycho-social state and, in conjunction with the client and physician, developing, implementing and evaluating a care plan to meet specified health needs; and instructing clients in methods of preventive health care practices. Work includes testing school students for sight and hearing abnormalities and assessing their overall health status; assisting schools in developing an effective health curriculum; and presenting discussions to schools, organizations, community human service agencies, and other interested groups on health related topics. Work also involves providing health maintenance care including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, administering injections, and caring for wounds based upon physician's orders and general medical direction; and maintaining appropriate client records. Employees in this classification use independent judgment when completing work assignments; but decisions are made in accordance with established precedent and departmental policies and procedures. Supervision is received from a Field Supervisor with work being reviewed through established quality control measures. Lead supervision may be exercised over subordinate Public Health Nurses.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assesses the client's physical and psycho-social status and, in conjunction with the client and physician, develops, implements, and evaluates a care plan to meet specified health needs; instructs clients in preventive health care practices.

Provides health maintenance care to clients based on physician's orders and general medical direction including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, administering injections, and caring for wounds.

Tests school students for sight and hearing abnormalities; assesses students' overall health.

Assists schools in developing an effective health curriculum; gives presentations to schools, organizations, community human services, and other interested groups on health related topics.

Maintains appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status; completes necessary forms and reports.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of public health.

Considerable knowledge of the principles of disease prevention and control.

Knowledge of the human service agencies within the community as well as services provided by those agencies.

Knowledge of the various types of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

Knowledge of the current literature and research developments relating to public health.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, clients, and the general public.

Ability to understand and follow complex oral and written medical instructions.

Ability to maintain accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status.

Skill in the use, operation, and maintenance of equipment utilized in the delivery of public health nursing services.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing plus experience in the delivery of public health nursing services.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a baccalaureate degree nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing with a minimum of two (2) years experience as a Public Health Nurse I; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledges, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid State of Nebraska driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Approved by: _____
Department Head

Personnel Director

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